

Section F

Sexual Perpetration Scales



F1. Revised Conflict Tactics Scales (CTS-2)

F2. Sexual Experiences Survey (SES)

Description of Measures

Perpetration Assessments					
Construct	Scale/Assessment	Characteristics*	Target Groups	Psychometrics	Developer
F. Sexual Perpetration	F1. Revised Conflict Tactics Scales (CTS-2)	78-item scale that assesses both victimization and perpetration. The 39-item perpetration scale includes 5 subscales that measure physical assault, psychological aggression, sexual coercion, negotiation, and injury between partners. The sexual coercion subscale includes 7 items that can be grouped into minor and severe categories based on whether or not physical force is used to achieve coercion.	Partners in dating, cohabiting, and marital relationships.	Internal consistency (men & women combined): Sexual coercion = .87.	Straus, Hamby, Boney-McCoy, & Sugarman, 1996; Straus, Hamby, & Warren, 2003 Copyright 2003
	F2. Sexual Experiences Survey (SES)—Perpetration Version	10-item scale that measures 4 types of sexual perpetration.	Male college students.	Internal consistency: Males = .89. Test-retest correlation = .93. Evidence of criterion validity. At the time of this publication, the SES was undergoing revision, but new psychometric data were yet to be published. Contact Mary Koss for updates at: mpk@email.arizona.edu	Koss & Gidycz, 1985; Koss, Gidycz, & Wisniewski, 1987; Koss & Oros, 1982

* Scale and subscale names in characteristics column are those that scale authors use and thus are not always consistent with CDC's terminology.

F1. Revised Conflict Tactics Scales (CTS-2)

No matter how well a couple gets along, there are times when they disagree, get annoyed with the other person, want different things from each other, or just have spats or fights because they are in a bad mood, are tired, or for some other reason. Couples also have many different ways of trying to settle their differences. This is a list of things that might happen when you have differences. Please circle how many times you did each of these things in the past year, and how many times your partner did them in the past year. If you or your partner did not do one of these things in the past year, but it happened before that, circle “7.”

How often did this happen?

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| 1 = Once in the past year | 5 = 11–20 times in the past year |
| 2 = Twice in the past year | 6 = More than 20 times in the past year |
| 3 = 3–5 times in the past year | 7 = Not in the past year, but it did happen before |
| 4 = 6–10 times in the past year | 0 = This has never happened |

Sample of 2 of the 7 sexual coercion scale items:

I used force (like hitting, holding down, or using a weapon) to make my partner have oral or anal sex.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	0
I insisted on sex when my partner did not want to (but did not use physical force).	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	0

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Scoring Instructions

To see entire scale, obtain permission to use, and obtain scoring information, contact:

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F2. Sexual Experiences Survey (SES)—Perpetration Version

On the following pages are questions about your sexual experiences from age 14 on.

1. Have you engaged in sex play (fondling, kissing, or petting, but not intercourse) when she didn't want to because you overwhelmed her with continual arguments and pressure? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If No, continue with question 2.
 If Yes:
 1a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? 1 2 3 4 5 or more
 1b. How many times last school year (September to September)? 0 1 2 3 4 5 or more

2. Have you engaged in sex play (fondling, kissing, or petting but not intercourse) when she didn't want to because you used your position of authority (boss, teacher, camp counselor, supervisor) to make her? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If No, continue with question 3.
 If Yes:
 2a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? 1 2 3 4 5 or more
 2b. How many times last school year (September to September)? 0 1 2 3 4 5 or more

3. Have you engaged in sex play (fondling, kissing, or petting but not intercourse) when she didn't want to because you threatened or used some degree of physical force (twisting her arm, holding her down, etc.) to make her? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If No, continue with question 4.
 If Yes:
 3a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? 1 2 3 4 5 or more
 3b. How many times last school year (September to September)? 0 1 2 3 4 5 or more

4. Have you attempted sexual intercourse (get on top of her, attempt to insert your penis) when she didn't want to by threatening or using some degree of force (twisting her arm, holding her down, etc.), but intercourse did not occur? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If No, continue with question 5.
 If Yes:
 4a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? 1 2 3 4 5 or more
 4b. How many times last school year (September to September)? 0 1 2 3 4 5 or more

5. Have you attempted sexual intercourse (get on top of her, attempt to insert your penis) when she didn't want to by giving her alcohol or drugs, but intercourse did not occur? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If No, continue with question 6.
- If Yes:
- 5a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? 1 2 3 4 5 or more
- 5b. How many times last school year (September to September)? 0 1 2 3 4 5 or more
6. Have you engaged in sexual intercourse when she didn't want to because you overwhelmed her with continual arguments and pressure? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If No, continue with question 7.
- If Yes:
- 6a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? 1 2 3 4 5 or more
- 6b. How many times last school year (September to September)? 0 1 2 3 4 5 or more
7. Have you engaged in sexual intercourse when she didn't want to because you used your position or authority (boss, teacher, camp counselor, supervisor) to make her? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If No, continue with question 8.
- If Yes:
- 7a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? 1 2 3 4 5 or more
- 7b. How many times last school year (September to September)? 0 1 2 3 4 5 or more
8. Have you engaged in sexual intercourse when she didn't want to because you gave her alcohol or drugs? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If No, continue with question 9.
- If Yes:
- 8a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? 1 2 3 4 5 or more
- 8b. How many times last school year (September to September)? 0 1 2 3 4 5 or more
9. Have you engaged in sexual intercourse when she didn't want to because you threatened or used some degree of physical force (twisting her arm, holding her down, etc.) to make her? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If No, continue with question 10.
- If Yes:
- 9a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? 1 2 3 4 5 or more
- 9b. How many times last school year (September to September)? 0 1 2 3 4 5 or more

10. Have you engaged in sex acts (anal or oral intercourse or penetration by objects other than the penis) when she didn't want to because you threatened her or used some degree of physical force (twisting her arm, holding her down, etc.) to make her? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, continue with question 11.

If Yes:

10a. About how many times has it happened (from age 14 on)? 1 2 3 4 5 or more

10b. How many times last school year (September to September)? 0 1 2 3 4 5 or more

11. Did you answer "Yes" to any of the questions 1-10? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

11a. Look back to the questions 1-10 in this section. What is the highest question number to which you marked "Yes"?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Note: Scale can be used to assess sexual violence perpetrated by non-intimates.

Scoring Instructions

Respondents are classified according to the most severe sexual perpetration that they reported, ranging from no sexual victimization to rape. Men are classified as perpetrators of rape if they answered "yes" to items 8, 9, or 10. Men are classified as perpetrators of sexual coercion if they answered "yes" to items 6 or 7 but not to any higher numbered items. Men are classified as perpetrators of attempted rape if they answered "yes" to items 4 or 5 but not to any higher numbered items. Men are classified as perpetrators of sexual contact if they answered "yes" to Items 1, 2, or 3 but not to any higher numbered items.

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